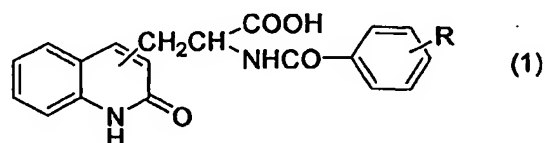


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

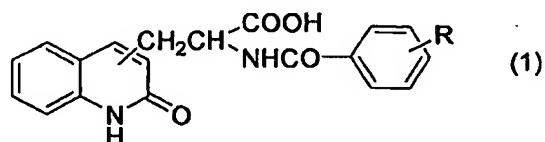
1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) A method for accelerating salivation which comprises administering orally a carbostyryl compound of the formula (1):



wherein R is a halogen atom, and the substitution position of the substituent on said carbostyryl nucleus is the 3- or 4-position, and the bond between the 3- and 4-positions of the carbostyryl nucleus is either a single bond or a double bond, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to a subject in need.

11. (Original) A method for prophylaxis and/or treatment of xerostomia, which comprises administering orally the carbostyryl compound of the formula (1):



wherein R is a halogen atom, and the substitution position of the substituent on said carbostyryl nucleus is the 3- or 4-position, and the bond between the 3- and 4-positions of the carbostyryl nucleus is either a single bond or a double bond, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to a subject in need.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the active ingredient is 2-(4-chlorobenzoylamino)-3-(2-quinolon-4-yl)propionic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. (New) The method according to claim 10, which is a method for prophylaxis and/or treatment of xerostomia accompanying Sjögren's syndrome or of hyposalivation.

14. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein the xerostomia is xerostomia accompanying Sjögren's syndrome.

15. (New) The method according to claim 13 or 14, wherein the active ingredient is 2-(4-chlorobenzoylamino)-3-(2-quinolon-4-yl)propionic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.